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The Marina del Rey Design Control Board is an advisory body appointed by this Board to review and make recommendations on the design of new development in Marina del Rey. Under the County's Local Coastal Program for Marina del Rey, the Design Control Board reviews development projects twice: first, for conceptual approval of the site plan and consistency with the LCP before the entitlement process begins; and second, for review of final plans for architectural elements, signage, landscaping and colors, after the entitlement process is complete.

The Design Control Board has played an invaluable role in Marina del Rey by lending its expertise to the County's review of new development projects, and by ensuring a consistency and cohesiveness of design in the Marina. Each member of the Board should be commended for their work on behalf of the County, and residents and visitors of Marina del Rey.

However, the entitlement process for projects in Marina del Rey has been mired in delays, due in part, to the requirement for two separate reviews conducted by the Design Control Board. Further, concerns have been raised that the Design Control Board does not have adequate information at the time of its initial conceptual review to provide meaningful recommendations regarding consistency of a proposal with the LCP since this review occurs prior to the preparation of environmental documentation or the preparation of entitlement level site plans. Therefore, in order to streamline the entitlement process and ensure that environmental and coastal issues are adequately addressed, consideration should be given to eliminating the Design Control Board's initial conceptual review and placing responsibility for site plan approval and LCP

consistency review with the Regional Planning Commission, as the Regional Planning Commission is already charged with implementation of the LCP and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Design Control Board's role should be clarified as that of an architectural review board, responsible for review of plans for architectural elements, signage, materials, landscaping and colors after the entitlement process is complete.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Regional Planning Commission be directed to present recommendations to this Board on an LCP amendment and implementing ordinances that would eliminate the Design Control Board's initial pre-development application conceptual review, place responsibility for site plan approval and LCP consistency review with the Regional Planning Commission, and clarify that the Design Control Board's review of Marina projects shall occur after the Regional Planning Commission has taken action on the project's land use entitlements and that its role shall be to review projects for architectural elements, signage, materials, landscaping and colors.

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